

Northern Region QI Committee

June 24, 2009

Minutes

Present:	Daryl Melton	Carol Baumann	Pam Nacario
	Patty Conner-Rose	Craig Monson	Sally Jones
	Pam Clark	Mindy Lundgreen	Nicki Taylor
	Mary Francisco	Linda Melton	Joyce Booth
	Jennifer Larson	Rhett Fronk	Sarah Pomeroy
	Sally Jones	Justine Stevenson	Debee Gold
	Pat Ropelato	Sylvia Cobabe	Landon Halverson
Absent:	Elieen Nicholas	Jean Marie Morris	Estelle Dahlkemper
	John Rice	Pat Milar	Nancy Xende-Card
	Bob Burch	Lynell Packer	John Rice
	Pam Hugie	Stacey Snyder	Crystal Atwood
	Susan Anderson		

Guest: Marcella Martinez (Ogden School Dist)

Marcella works for Ogden City school district. She works with families in the community that have involvement with DCFS. She works mostly with the Spanish speaking families and is there to help in whatever area, to try and keep the kids in the home. She also works very closely with DCFS workers if needed. A lot of the families she works with are illegal immigrants but whose children were born here. She tries to help them find housing, medical resources, financial aid, connecting them with parenting classes, etc. She helps them work through the road blocks that many of these families run into. She'll do an assessment, find out the needs, and then move forward from there. Marcella can be reached at 725-5761.

Pam Clark

- The RFP is still being written for the 'transitional counseling/search' position through the Family Support Center. This position will help with searches for 10 youth that are close to aging out of DCFS custody in order to help locate kin. Grand Families is an organization out of SLC that has access to some sort of grant for the same type of services. **Debee Gold has a contact number and will forward it to Pam. Pam will then contact them to find out which grant is available.** She will keep us updated.

Craig Monson

- Retaining Foster Parents subcommittee update:
 1. They have found out which children had disruptions and will be picking 5 of those children to see why those foster parents chose to disrupt the placement. One

area was they do not receive enough training for placements that have serious medical needs. They would also like to have more disclosure regarding the children that are placed with them. Because we try to bypass a shelter placement, most times workers really have very little information to share with the potential foster family. And those that are at the shelter for a short period of time may not behave the same way they would once they're placed with a family. The subcommittee has rewritten the questionnaire, to get more specific info, which will be given to various foster families and are hoping to have at least 15 phone calls to try and narrow down even more reasons/barriers foster parents face and why they chose to disrupt a placement.

2. Foster parents want reasonable disclosure, practical help, not psychological mumbo-jumbo.
3. Reactive attachment, trauma based behaviors - Foster parents need to know what it looks like, how to recognize it, what to do when it happens.
4. Debee Gold has a clinician that offers classes every Wednesday from 6 to 7 for parents regarding reactive attachment behaviors...this is only in Davis Co at the present time. They would be willing to offer some training during the foster parent training sessions. **Debee and Mindy will get together to discuss this.** There is a big need for workers to be trained in this area as well.
5. Not only does the child need treatment, their entire family situation needs help as well
6. We need to be careful to not 'label' children as well

Immersion Day

- Client panel has worked well in the past.
- Hospitals...invite care manager, ER nurses, director, school dist., especially Davis Co. Will invite other proctor agencies.
- Looking at mid to late October.
- Other trainings that are being worked on is one for foster parents to help them get a better understanding of the roles of DCFS workers. To help bridge/create better relationships between workers and foster parents. Get a better understanding of each other's role in the case. Also one with JJS, cross training....

*QCR Updates: Someone from OSR will attend next month's meeting to go over the results of this region's QCR.

*Not sure if we'll have money for the QI committee for FY10.

Next meeting is July 22nd at 9:00